



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: 2015 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the crime against humanity known as the Armenian Genocide; and
- WHEREAS: That tragic event, which was launched on April 24, 1915, and continued through 1923, resulted in the death of between 1 million and 1.5 million Armenians; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans took part in national efforts to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to the survivors of the Armenian Genocide; and
- WHEREAS: Many survivors of the Armenian Genocide found safe haven in the United States, settling in such locales as Minnesota, where their descendants continue to play a vital, productive role in community life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2015, as:

### ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE